

April 13
Chu Lai

Dear Family -

It seems I spoke a little too soon; I'm back on day-shift again. While I was on nights, the Medway section was - from one thing or another - getting further and further behind. So I've been tossing like mad for the past few days getting the accumulated garbage out. It should be almost all out by now (I hope), and maybe I can relax a bit & try catching up on my letter-writing (a desperate position).

Received your package with the immersion coils, etc. The puddings were quite nice. The chocolate wafers, however, are limp, even on a ~~very~~ coolish day, and just sat there looking gooey (I ate them anyway, of course). The only kind of chocolate which can survive in Vietnam is the Hershey tropical bar - which is useful in road repair work and not much else (it's like a slice of asphalt). It's probably best to give up on chocolate. Also (didn't mention) I also received the book package with the Antonia Trazier book - within the day I'd read the next two Narnia books - I'm saving the last for when I have a little more leisure to enjoy it. Am reading the 6th Galsworthy Swan Song. Does Scribner's publish the last three? Or will we have to resort to Penguin or some other small-print (I'm lazy here) publisher?

I also just decorated a book. I cut out some of the photos from that Sierra Club paperback you sent me and stapled them up around my room - along with the photo from the gecko article.

Not much else. I'll write more later. I love you all very much.

Rob

First Cup of Hot Tea in Ages!

